

Pa. Farm Show

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According to Wellington Smith, Farm Show director, the change was made at the request by many of the livestock exhibitors due to the enormous crowds and the danger to the people from the livestock. "People crowd so close to the animals they don't seem to realize the danger" he said.

The building itself has gone through many renovations, which are sure to please both the exhibitor and visitor alike.

A new sprinkler system has been put in throughout the entire complex, along with a fire alarm system. The system is connected with the city fire companies. Smoke detectors and heat detectors have also been installed.

A new roof has replaced the 25 year old, leaking one, and the large arena received a new roof in the process.

A new fire wall was built between the main commercial exhibits floor and where the livestock are kept. Smith said the building was updated to meet fire and panic regulations of the State. "Fire protection was a basic problem, doors didn't work, etc" he said. "The corridor was necessary because of the distance from the center of the building to the outside exits" he added.

New wiring and power circuiting has been installed. So now when a circuit overloads, exhibitors will not

realize it, as the problem will automatically be corrected.

Fire protected ceilings have been added to the cafeteria, offices, and meeting rooms.

Many meeting rooms have been added, which the Farm Show will be renting out to many organizations.

The old Butler barn has been torn down and a new, larger building, called the North West building has been built in its place. It is in the same location, but will now be the beef cattle barn.

The most notable improvement in the building will be it's new paint job which was done through a government aid program, CETA.

The small arena has had it's wooden floors and seats replaced with concrete floors, metal seats, and a new paint job. The broadcast and radio booth which was at the far end of the small arena has moved to a new location in the new livestock corridor to the large arena. The old curved corridor was replaced with a straighter, more direct one.

According to Smith, the Farm Show "lost 26,000 square feet from the main floor" because the new fire wall. Of this, "15,000 square feet was exhibitor space. Those people had been in the Farm Show for so many years, so we had to find space for them" Smith said. The space they found for these exhibitors was in the poultry building. This year

the poultry will be in the dairy barn. Floor space for the poultry has decreased, but the layers will be stacked higher to make up this difference.

Smith feels there will be new traffic problems with the new highway system to the north of the area, expecting a lot of traffic. "There will be new traffic problems, but we will take it by ear" he said. "We will still have parking at the Harrisburg Area Community College" he said.

There are some changes in the livestock schedules. The dairy, beef and horse schedules have been changed, with sheep and swine remaining the same.

Dairy must be in the barns by 6 p.m. Friday, January 5. Horses, sheep and swine must be in the building by 6 p.m. Saturday, January 6.

Dairy will show on Monday, January 8, and be released after the show. Six to seven display herds will be retained for display herd for the entire week.

The beef cattle begin arriving on Tuesday, January 9, at 3 p.m. and must be in by Wednesday, January 10, at 3 a.m. The beef show will show on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday, and Friday. They will be released at the usual time on Friday.

All horses will show on Tuesday, January 9, and be released Friday.

Junior shows remain on Thursday and junior sales will again be held on Friday. Steer and swine sales

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The old Butler barn has been replaced with a new, larger building now called the Northwest building. The Northwest building has been designated as the beef cattle area for the 1979 Farm Show to be held January 8-12 in Harrisburg.

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